



SHAIKH UL-ISLAAM STRIKES IMPORTANT LESSONS FOR THE UMMAH

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Following the advice given by the Imaam of al-Jarh wat-Ta'deel, the Ibn Ma'een of the Era, the thorn in the throats of the biased partisans and Qutubists, Shaikh Rabee' bin Haadee al-Madkhalee, to the Ummah and to the peoples of Shaam specifically, we now present to you the advice of Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah given to the Ummah at the onset of the Tartari "New World Order".

The Text

Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah - rahimahullaah – said in 'ar-Radd alal-Bakri (2/731-740):

"...After being acquainted with that which the Messenger came with, we know by necessity that he did not legislate for his Ummah that they call upon any of the dead people or any of the Prophets and nor the righteous, or other than them. Neither with a word that entails the seeking of deliverance, or other than that, or with a word entail seeking refuge (with them) and nor other than that. Just as he did not legislate for his Ummah that they prostrate to a dead person or other than a dead person and other such things. Rather, we know that he forbade all of these affairs, and explained that all of these affairs are from the Shirk which Allaah, the Most High, and His Messenger have forbidden. However, due to the abundance of ignorance and the paucity of knowledge regarding the remnant (teachings) of the Messengership (risaalah) with many of the later generations, takfir is not to be performed of them on account of these affairs until it is made sufficiently clear to them what the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) came with and what opposes it.¹

It is for this reason (that I observed) that never did I explain this issue, ever, to those who knew well the foundation of Islaam except that they understood it perfectly well, and that they exclaimed, "This is the deen of Islaam (indeed)". And some of the most senior and erudite of the Shaikhs, from amongst our associates, would say "This is the greatest affair that you have explained to us". This due to their knowledge that this is the foundation of the religion.²

¹ And this superb fiqh (understanding) is such that only the firmly-established erudite Imaams are granted success in attaining – and this is only witnessed for the likes of Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, Shaikh ul-Islaam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhaab and Shaikh ul-Islaam al-Albaani and Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Baaz and those similar to them throughout the ages. For their concern is the Ummah and its guidance and correction by way of Tasfiyah and Tarbiyah. As for other than them, the seekers of fame and glory, both newly-arisen and foolish-minded, then they are not granted success in the likes of these affairs. Rather, the paucity of their knowledge and understanding makes them belittle the likes of these affairs and the great understanding that they require.

² And we have explained elsewhere the following benefit:

And this person and his likes used to call upon the dead and ask from them and would seek protection from them and humble themselves to them (in times of need). And perhaps what they used to do with the dead was greater because they would seek the dead in times of hardships that came upon them, so they would call in the manner that one stricken with a calamity calls, hoping in the provision of his need, by his supplication, or by supplicating to this person, or by supplicating at his grave - instead of worshipping Allaah, the Most High, and calling Him alone. However, they do this (i.e. call upon the dead) on many occasions and as a matter of habit, such that even when an external, non-Muslim enemy, made its way to Damascus, they all came out seeking deliverance by the graves of the dead - those in whom they place their hope of removing the harms (of the enemy). And one of the poets said:

O you who fear the Tartars. Seek refuge with the grave of Abu 'Umar.

Or he said:

Seek refuge in the grave of Abu Umar. He wil deliver you from the harms.

So I said to them: Those whom you seek deliverance from, if they had been with you in fighting, they would have been defeated, just like those were defeated from amongst the Muslims in the Battle of Uhud. For it had passed that the army was defeated on account of reasons that necessitated this defeat, and also due to the wisdom of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic in all of that. **It is for this reason that the people of knowledge and religion and those with sure insight of the affairs did not fight (against the Tartars) on this occasion, due to it not being the legislated type of fighting which Allaah and His Messenger had ordained.**³ And when there results evil and corruption and the absence of the desired type of assistance and victory (from Allaah), from this particular fighting, then there will be no earthly or heavenly reward involved - for the one who knows this. However, many of those who held that this was a situation where the legislated type of fighting holds and applies suspected the intentions of those who held that this was not the case.

BENEFIT: So in the view of the people of knowledge and excellence surrounding the Shaikh of Islaam, this was **the greatest principle** that he had clarified for them. And indeed this matter can only be realised by the people of knowledge and excellence, due to Allaah having favoured them in knowledge and wisdom. As for the Qutubiyyah, may Allaah sever them, then when this great principle is uttered by the Shaikh of Islaam of our times, Imaam al-Albani, then it is **the most repugnant principle** that he has ever clarified, in their view. And this claim only emanates from them due to Allaah's not favouring them with knowledge and wisdom, rather they have merely inherited the traits of Ahl ul-Bid'ah of old, and in their ignorance, wander blindly, without guidance and without light – accusing our Imaams of Irjaa'.

Refer to MSC060006: The Creed of Imaam al-Albaani on Takfir and Apostasy.

³ And this is the fiqh (understanding) and the stance of the firmly-grounded erudite Imaams of our times, and the position of Imaam al-Albaani is only too well-known, for his advice to the Ummah is the very same that the people of knowledge and religion, those with sure insight, the associates of Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, gave when the Tartari "New World Order" overtook the Muslims. So they forbade Jihaad due to the absence of the required pre-conditions for victory, fearing loss of life and abandonment by Allaah.

Then after this had transpired, we began to order the people to show sincerity of purpose in the religion to Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, to seek help and deliverance from Him alone and not to seek help and assistance from a near Angel and nor a Prophet that was sent.⁴ As Allaah the Most High said on the Day of Badr “When you sought aid from your Lord and He responded to you” and it is reported that the Messenger (ﷺ) used to say on the Day of Badr, “O Ever-Living (Hayy), O Self-Sustaining, Maintainer (Qayyoom), there is none worthy of worship but you, in your mercy do I seek help”, and in another wording, “...rectify my affair, all of it, and do not leave me to depend upon myself for even the blinking of an eye, and nor to depend upon anyone from your creation.”

So when the affairs of the people became rectified and they were truthful in their seeking of aid and deliverance from their Lord alone, He helped them against their enemy with mighty assistance and help. And the Tartars had not suffered any defeat like this defeat before this.

All of this being due to what occurred of the actualisation of the Tawheed of Allaah, obedience to Him and to His Messenger - which was not existant before that. And verily, Allaah the Most High, aids His Messenger and those who believe, in the life of this world and the Hereafter and the Day when the witnesses will stand...” End of Shaikh ul-Islam’s words.

⁴ And this is the Methodology of the Prophets in Calling to Allaah, that of Intellect and Wisdom, which has been adhered to by Ahl ul-Athar, the Salaf, in every age and era, as a means of actualising the Promise of Allaah:

Allaah has promised to those amongst you who truly have Imaan (true faith and belief) and act in obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, that He will grant them rulership upon the earth, just as He granted it to those before them, and that He will establish their Religion for them and grant them the authority to practice their Religion which He chose and ordered them with. And He will certainly change their situation to one of security, after their fear. Providing that they worship and obey Me, not associating anything else in worship with Me. Then, whoever rejects this favour by disobedience to their Lord - then they are the rebellious transgressors. Soorah an-Noor 24:55

Yet in opposition to them are the newly-arisen foolish minded, those about whom it is said, “These people wish to establish the Islaamic State before purifying the lands of idolatrous beliefs which take the form of worship of the dead, and devotion to the tombs - such as is no different to the worship of al-Laat, al-Uzzaa and the third of them Manaata, rather it is worse. So they are attempting that which is impossible:

And whoever seeks greatness without effort and exertion, Will only be wasting his life in seeking something impossible.

Indeed, establishment and application of the Sharee’ah and the prescribed punishments, and the establishment of the Islaamic State, and avoidance of whatever is prohibited, and achievement of whatever is obligatory - all of these things are from the rights of Tawheed; and matters which perfect it and follow on from it. So how can we give attention to that which is subsidiary whilst neglecting that which is of primary importance?” (Shaikh Saalih al-Fawzaan in “Manhaj ul-Anbiyaa fid-Da’wah Ilallaah” pp.14-16)

The Reflections:

Firstly, for the Biased Partisans, the Qutubists and Shurocrats, the defenders of the Mockers of the Messengers of Allaah, the deniers of His Attributes and Revilers of His chosen ones amongst the Companions:

Was it this methodology that you waged a war against when the Imaam of al-Jarh wat-Ta'deel, the Ibn Ma'een of the Era, stood to uncover your innermost realities and your heresies and deviations from the Methodology of the Prophets?! Was this the methodology and the call the one that you declared to be an "emptying of Tawheed" the while you adopted the modes and methods of the Infidels, the very principles of kufr, in the name of Islaam and subsequently became Shurocratic hardliners?! Is this what you ridiculed and declared to be tales of the ancients, rather stories which were dictated to the Shaikh, morning and evening – or but confused medleys and dreams?! And is this what you called the people away from because – as you claimed – "it is not suitable for the times" and "it is dry"?! And just as you accused our Imaams and Mashaayikh of supporting the "New World Order" of Bush and Clinton, we see you at the time of Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, accusing him and the people of knowledge of excellence of supporting the "New World Order" of Genghis Khan!! For our Imaams and Mashaayikh advised with what they advised and saw what they saw and understood what they understood. And we also see you at the time of Imaam Ahmad accusing him of supporting the "New World Order" of the tyrants who killed and murdered for the sake of a bid'ah mukaffirah – since he withheld from declaring them to be unbelievers and forbade rebelling against them and taking up arms against them.⁵

Secondly, for the Callers to Jihad:

Are these the realities that you feign ignorance of and do you enjoin upon the Ummah, alongside what it contains of the Major Shirk, to depart for Jihaad?! Unprepared, Barren. To an already lost battle?!⁶ And do you have with you the likes of the erudite and learned

⁵ As for Imaam Ahmad, then he forbade the affair due to what bloodshed may have occurred and the spread of the tribulation to the general-folk. As for Shaikh ul-Islaam and his associates, then they withheld in the affair due to their knowledge that the people would not be aided and helped by Allaah unless they corrected their aqeedah and actualised Tawheed.

⁶ And this is the fiqh that the Qutubists of our time do not understand, but instead accuse those who speak with the speech of the people of knowledge and excellence as declaring this Jihad to be suicide, and belittling the affairs of Jihaad, rather denying Jihaad. And these Qutubists, how they have been deserted and abandoned by goodness and success, do not realise that the true callers to Jihaad, the true Jihaad, which is aided and supported by Allaah and those whom he appoints from amongst the Angels – inshaa'allaah – are the ones who speak with the speech of the people of knowledge and excellence, the likes of Shaikh ul-Islaam and his associates, Shaikh ul-Islaam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhaab, Shaikh ul-Islaam al-Albaani and others. For they actualise and bring to fruition, the precursors to the actual Jihaad. May Allaah grant them a great reward indeed and protect them from the evil of the newly-arisen foolish-minded.

BENEFIT: Stated Imaam Ahmad, "It is not desirable that the People of Innovation and Desires are sought for help in any of the affairs of the Muslims, for that brings about one of the greatest of harms to the religion." (Manaaqib al-Imaam Ahmad no. 208). The messenger of the Khalifah entered upon Imaam Ahmad and asked him about seeking assistance from the People of Innovation and Desires and so he replied, "Assistance is not to be sought from them." It was then said to him, "Assistance can be sought from the Jews and the Christians but

ones from amongst the associates of Shaikh ul-Islaam who with sure insight, saw what they saw, withheld and took to rectification of their own souls and of the people around them until the true causes for victory were actualised?! And is it on account if this great wisdom and teaching that you ridicule the Imaams and Mashayikh, the Rabaani scholars in truth, the likes of Imaam Ibn Baaz, Imaam al-Albani and other than them?! Only to take those as your leaders and chiefs, those who are blind in both vision and insight (basr wal-baseerah)?!

Stated Imaam al-Albaani in the message he sent to the leaders (of the various parties) in Algeria, “...**And that the Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), indeed, he began setting up the Muslim state by calling to Tawheed and warning from worshipping the false gods and then cultivating whoever responded to his calls upon the Sharee’ah rulings until they all became like a single body, such that if one part of it complained, the rest of it responds with alertness, as occurs in the authentic hadeeth...** so whoever wishes to establish a Muslim state in truth then let him not gather the masses into a lump, and nor bring them together despite the differences in their thoughts and their (ideological) nurturing, as is the way of well-known Islamic groups today. Rather, it is a must to unite their way of thinking and understanding upon the correct Islamic foundations: the Book and the Sunnah upon the understanding of the Salaf us-Saalih...”⁷

And this is the sincere and correct advice indeed.

Thirdly, for the fruitless, Bankrupt Brotherhood and Political Islamic Parties of every nation:

Have the graves and shrines of Egypt escaped your knowledge?! Those to whom the people flock morning and evening?! O Bankrupt Brotherhood of Egypt!! Have the graves of Tusuqi, Sinjar, Zainab and Badawi escaped your knowledge, the while they are in your very midst, being sought, and supplicated to?! O Activists of Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sudan, Somalia!! Until when will you war against the Prophetic Methodology and war against its adherents and war against its callers and ridicule them and mock them and revile them and expel them and denounce them and scorn them?! And what fruits have you yourselves brought and shown to the Ummah in 60 years, except splitting and separating and hatred and partisanship and sectarianism and love of authority and lust for leadership?! The while you oppose the Book, choose to oppose the Book and agree to oppose the Book!!

Fourthly, for the Ummah, the sincere, the weak the oppressed, the concerned:

Know that the humiliation of Allaah_will not be lifted from you until you return to your deen. That is, making your devotion, your worship sincerely for the sake of Allaah alone, the

not from them?” He replied, “Verily, the Jews and Christians do not call to their religions, but the People of Desires call to their (innovations)”. (Manaaqib al-Imaam Ahmad no. 208). And Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah said, “And as for employing those (the Nusayriyyah) – in the bays and fortresses of the Muslims, or amongst their soldiers, then this is from the major sins, and it is similar to the one who employs wolves to look after the sheep...” (Majmoo al-Fataawaa 35/155).

⁷ As occurs in his letter dated, 19 Jumaadah al-Aakhirah 1412H and the a photocopy of this letter can be found in Madarik un-Nadhar pp.335-336 2nd edition.

actualising of Tawheed, the purification of your beliefs, your methodologies from the plagues of Shirk and Innovation. And know that until you return to that clarity and purity which the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) left, never will you succeed, and no strength and no might besides that is obtained by the actualisation of Tawheed, will deliver you. Neither political know-how, nor economic strength, nor physical or military power will avail you without the aid and assistance of Allaah. So fear Him and know that He never changed the condition of a people (of safety and security) until they changed what is in their own souls (from Tawheed to Shirk, Sunnah to Bid'ah, obedience to disobedience and gratefulness to ungratefulness) – so begin with yourself, and your families and know that the fuel of the fire is but men and stones. And know that all of these groups, parties, sects and movements are astray, each of them rejoicing with what is with themselves (of innovated principle and methodologies) – so flee from them and adhere to the ancient religion, that left by your Messenger – and know that these groups and parties will not bring you any benefit, just as they have never brought the Ummah any good.